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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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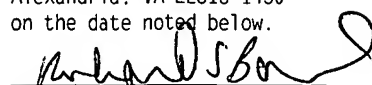
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This is a response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2006, which is a Restriction Requirement under 35 USC 121. The term for responding to the Office Action ends on August 8, 2006.

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